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AN ACT

To repeal section 177.088, RSMo, and to enact in lieu thereof two new sections relating to the utilization of resources and services.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Missouri, as follows:

Section A. Section 177.088, RSMo, is repealed and two new sections

- 2 enacted in lieu thereof, to be known as sections 177.088 and 177.250, to read as
- 3 follows:

177.088. 1. As used in this section, the following terms shall mean:

- 2 (1) "Board", the board of education, board of trustees, board of regents, or
- 3 board of governors of an educational institution;
- 4 (2) "Educational institution", any school district, including all community
- 5 college districts, and any state college or university organized under chapter 174.
- 6 2. The board of any educational institution may enter into agreements as
- 7 authorized in this section with a not-for-profit corporation formed under the
- 8 general not-for-profit corporation law of Missouri, chapter 355, in order to provide
- 9 for the acquisition, construction, improvement, extension, repair, remodeling,
- 10 renovation and financing of sites, buildings, facilities, furnishings and equipment
- 11 for the use of the educational institution for educational purposes.
- 12 3. The board may on such terms as it shall approve:
- 13 (1) Lease from the corporation sites, buildings, facilities, furnishings and
- 14 equipment which the corporation has acquired or constructed; or
- 15 (2) Notwithstanding the provisions of this chapter or any other provision
- 16 of law to the contrary, sell or lease at fair market value, which may be
- 17 determined by appraisal, to the corporation any existing sites owned by the
- 18 educational institution, together with any existing buildings and facilities

thereon, in order for the corporation to acquire, construct, improve, extend, repair, remodel, renovate, furnish and equip buildings and facilities thereon, and then lease back or purchase such sites, buildings and facilities from the corporation; provided that upon selling or leasing the sites, buildings or facilities, the corporation agrees to enter into a lease for not more than one year but with not more than twenty-five successive options by the educational institution to renew the lease under the same conditions; and provided further that the corporation agrees to convey or sell the sites, buildings or facilities, including any improvements, extensions, renovations, furnishings or equipment, back to the educational institution with clear title at the end of the period of successive one-year options or at any time bonds, notes or other obligations issued by the corporation to pay for the improvements, extensions, renovations, furnishings or equipment have been paid and discharged.

- 4. Any consideration, promissory note or deed of trust which an educational institution receives for selling or leasing property to a not-for-profit corporation pursuant to this section shall be placed in a separate fund or in escrow, and neither the principal or any interest thereon shall be commingled with any other funds of the educational institutions. At such time as the title or deed for property acquired, constructed, improved, extended, repaired, remodeled or renovated under this section is conveyed to the educational institution, the consideration shall be returned to the corporation.
- 5. The board may make rental payments to the corporation under such leases out of its general funds or out of any other available funds, provided that in no event shall the educational institution become indebted in an amount exceeding in any year the income and revenue of the educational institution for such year plus any unencumbered balances from previous years.
- 6. Any bonds, notes and other obligations issued by a corporation to pay for the acquisition, construction, improvements, extensions, repairs, remodeling or renovations of sites, buildings and facilities, pursuant to this section, may be secured by a mortgage, pledge or deed of trust of the sites, buildings and facilities and a pledge of the revenues received from the rental thereof to the educational institution. Such bonds, notes and other obligations issued by a corporation shall not be a debt of the educational institution and the educational institution shall not be liable thereon, and in no event shall such bonds, notes or other obligations be payable out of any funds or properties other than those acquired for the purposes of this section, and such bonds, notes and obligations shall not

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55 constitute an indebtedness of the educational institution within the meaning of 56 any constitutional or statutory debt limitation or restriction.

- 7. The interest on such bonds, notes and other obligations of the corporation and the income therefrom shall be exempt from taxation by the state and its political subdivisions, except for death and gift taxes on transfers. Sites, buildings, facilities, furnishings and equipment owned by a corporation in connection with any project pursuant to this section shall be exempt from taxation.
- 8. The board may make all other contracts or agreements with the corporation necessary or convenient in connection with any project pursuant to this section. The corporation shall comply with sections 290.210 to 290.340.
- 9. Notice that the board is considering a project pursuant to this section shall be given by publication in a newspaper published within the county in which all or a part of the educational institution is located which has general circulation within the area of the educational institution, once a week for two consecutive weeks, the last publication to be at least seven days prior to the date of the meeting of the board at which such project will be considered and acted upon.
- 73 10. Provisions of other law to the contrary notwithstanding, the board 74may refinance any lease purchase agreement that satisfies at least one of the 75conditions specified in subsection 6 of section 165.011 for the purpose of payment 76 on any lease with the corporation under this section for sites, buildings, facilities, 77 furnishings or equipment which the corporation has acquired or constructed, but 78 such refinance shall not extend the date of maturity of any obligation, and the refinancing obligation shall not exceed the amount necessary to pay or provide for 79 the payment of the principal of the outstanding obligations to be refinanced, 80 together with the interest accrued thereon to the date of maturity or redemption 81 of such obligations and any premium which may be due under the terms of such 82 obligations and any amounts necessary for the payments of costs and expenses 83 related to issuing such refunding obligations and to fund a capital projects 84 reserve fund for the obligations. 85
 - 11. [Provisions of other law to the contrary notwithstanding, payments made from any source by a school district, after the latter of July 1, 1994, or July 12, 1994, that result in the transfer of the title of real property to the school district, other than those payments made from the capital projects fund, shall be deducted as an adjustment to the funds payable to the district pursuant to section

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91 163.031 beginning in the year following the transfer of title to the district, as 92 determined by the department of elementary and secondary education.] No 93 district with modular buildings leased in fiscal year 2004, with the lease 94 payments made from the incidental fund and that initiates the transfer of title 95 to the district after fiscal year 2007, shall have any adjustment to the funds 96 payable to the district under section 163.031 as a result of the transfer of title.

97 12. Notwithstanding provisions of this section to the contrary, the board 98 of education of any school district may enter into agreements with the county in 99 which the school district is located, or with a city, town, or village wholly or partially located within the boundaries of the school district, in order to provide 100 for the acquisition, construction, improvement, extension, repair, remodeling, 101 renovation, and financing of sites, buildings, facilities, furnishings, and 102equipment for the use of the school district for educational purposes. Such an 103 104agreement may provide for the present or future acquisition of an ownership interest in such facilities by the school district, by lease, lease-purchase 105 agreement, option to purchase agreement, or similar provisions, and may provide 106 107 for a joint venture between the school district and other entity or entities that are parties to such an agreement providing for the sharing of the costs of acquisition, 108 construction, repair, maintenance, and operation of such facilities. The school 109 110 district may wholly own such facilities, or may acquire a partial ownership 111 interest along with the county, city, town, or village with which the agreement 112 was executed.

177.250. 1. This section shall be known and may be cited as the "Sharing of Services and Increasing Efficiencies Act".

- 2. Two or more school districts, charter schools, any public, private, or nonprofit entity, political subdivision, public institution of higher education, or private institution of higher education may cooperate and share resources to achieve efficiencies, become more cost effective, reduce costs, and reduce and minimize duplicative operations, services, and purchasing. Cooperative actions shall include, but not be limited to, the following:
- 10 (1) Group purchases of supplies, textbooks, and classroom 11 materials;
- 12 (2) Group purchases of life insurance, property insurance, and 13 health insurance;
- 14 (3) Administration of services for payroll, secretarial, human

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15 resources, maintenance, sanitation, janitorial, and administrative 16 assistance;

- (4) Participation in a deferred compensation plan; and
- (5) Joint lease, purchase, or use of facilities.
- 3. Two or more school districts, charter schools, any public, 19 private, or nonprofit entity, political subdivision, public institution of 20 higher education, or private institution of higher education may share 2122certificated and non-certificated employees, including but not limited 23 to, superintendents, principals, administrative staff, central office staff, teachers, teacher aides, paraprofessionals, information technology 24specialists, maintenance personnel, custodial staff, cooks, bus drivers, 25and support staff. 26
 - 4. Two or more school districts, charter schools, any public, private, or nonprofit entity, political subdivision, public institution of higher education, or private institution of higher education may enter into an agreement for the acquisition, construction, improvement, extension, repair, remodeling, renovation, and financing of sites, buildings, facilities, furnishings, and equipment for their use.
 - 5. Two or more school districts, charter schools, any public, private, or nonprofit entity, political subdivision, public institution of higher education, or private institution of higher education may enter into an agreement for the sharing of services for their use.
- 6. Nothing shall prohibit any of the entities identified in this section from entering into any contract as provided in this section.

